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NEWS DEPARTMENT

Herbert Clay Fish

Herbert Clay Fish has accepted an engagement in the Washington State Normal School at Ellensburg. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Fish spent eight years in North Dakota where he was actively engaged in the field of history, in the State Historical Society and as Professor of History in the State Normal School at Minot. In the academic year of 1919-1920 he served as Graduate Assistant in the History Department, University of Washington, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in June, 1920. He is deeply interested in the history of the Northwest.

Pacific Northwest Library Association

The eleventh annual conference of this important organization was held in Portland, Oregon, on September 2-4, 1920. There were seven sessions of up-to-date discussions crowded into those three days. The address of welcome was given by Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Trustee, Library Association of Portland and the response by John Ridington, Librarian, University of British Columbia. The President's Outlook was the title of the Presidential Address by Charles W. Smith, Associate Librarian, University of Washington. Other officers and committees gave reports and the first session closed with three-minute reports as follows:

"The Situation in British Columbia," by Helen G. Stewart, Librarian, Public Library, Victoria, B. C.

"The Outlook in Idaho," by Belle Sweet, Librarian, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

"What's Doing in Montana," by Lucia Haley, University of Montana Library, Missoula, Montana.

"News from Utah," by Joana Sprague, Librarian, Public Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The second session was devoted to brief addresses on "Points of View" and discussions of school libraries. The third session comprised a book review symposium and an address on "The Forming of Public Opinion" by Dr. Richard F. Scholz, Professor of History, University of Washington. The fourth session consisted of

five addresses on library topics and the fifth session was a survey of the Portland library system. County Libraries occupied the sixth session and in the evening there was also a round table section for trustees in charge of T. C. Elliott, Trustee of the Walla Walla Public Library.

The seventh session was for the transaction of the Association business, concluding with the election of the new president. There was a post-conference trip up the Columbia Highway with the Library Association of Portland as hosts.

It is a pleasure to note the activities of this organization. The members are all interested in Northwest Americana and are keen to make the increasing collections ever more useful to the people.

Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers

The Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers of Snohomish County held its ninth annual reunion picnic at Arlington on August 12, 1920. Congressman Hadley, D. Carl Pearson and William Whitfield were among the speakers. Dr. W. F. Oliver is president and D. S. Baker secretary of the society.

Books From the South

Mr. James B. Metcalf, the pioneer lawyer who served as the first and only Attorney General of Washington Territory, has presented the University of Washington, two bulky volumes in full Morocco. They are entitled "Memoirs of Mississippi" and are profusely illustrated. They give much information about men of the South and include an account of the Burr-Blennerhassett episode of Jefferson's day.

Instructor William W. Eddy

In the April issue of the *Quarterly*, announcement was made that Assistant Professor Ralph H. Lutz had been promoted to a much larger field of activity in Stanford University. There, in addition to teaching, he has charge of the fund of \$50,000 given by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover for the assembling of documents pertaining to the Great War.

The vacancy left by his departure from the history staff of the University of Washington has been filled by the engagement of Mr.

William W. Eddy, as Instructor in European History. Mr. Eddy graduated from Princeton University in 1911 and received the Master of Arts degree from Harvard University in 1914. Between the dates of the two degrees, he served as instructor in the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, Syria. On returning to this country he did graduate work at Harvard University and was serving as instructor in Mohegan Lake School when the United States entered the Great War. He served in the United States Army from July 14 to December 21, 1918. During the last academic year he was Instructor in History and Politics in Princeton University.

Living Pioneers of Washington

In the July issue of the *Quarterly*, page 240, a list of biographies was given as published on the editorial page of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* during April and May of 1920. The list of that series is here concluded:

July 22, Mrs. Mary Clements, Brinnon.

July 23, Mrs. Samuel Vestal, Snohomish.

July 24, Mrs. Mary H. Peterson, Bothell.

In announcing the close of the long series of articles the *Post-Intelligencer* published the following editorial on July 25, 1920:

"The series of biographies which has appeared on this page from time to time during the last five years has been closed. The purpose of the articles was to give the principal facts and events of individual experience in the early days of the commonwealth; to assemble and publish the data while the pioneers were still living. The success of the undertaking was beyond expectations and the *Post-Intelligencer* is pleased to know that it has been made the agency for gathering and preserving for posterity a great store of historical information relating to the State of Washington.

"The biographical sketches which have been printed under the heading, 'Living Pioneers of Washington,' were written by Prof. Edmond S. Meany of the University of Washington. To be of value as historical reference it was necessary to gather and report the facts with punctilious care. Prof. Meany has been indefatigable in his research and painstaking in his effort to be accurate in setting down facts. Since October 28, 1915, when the first article in the series appeared, he has supplied 331 sketches, many of which dealt with more than one individual, and some of them mentioned thirty or more pioneers. In this manner respectful greetings were ex-

tended to several thousand of the men and women whose life stories are closely related to the annals of the state.

"A record of the names and of the dates of publication of the biographies has been printed at regular intervals in the Washington Historical Quarterly so that a complete index is preserved for the entire series. In addition to the record which is preserved in the files of the Post-Intelligencer, clippings have been made in several libraries in the Northwest which have been placed in bound volumes. Future historians and genealogists will find these brief sketches of inestimable value.

"In setting down the individual experiences of the pioneers, it has been necessary to be brief. Only the outstanding events in their lives were reported, yet it was Prof. Meany's aim to omit no fact which had a bearing on public affairs. In this manner the record was made ample enough for most purposes. Had such a service been performed for the first settlers of the Atlantic Coast the results would now be priceless. Only the men and women who achieved distinction have left for posterity the stories of their lives; the great mass of pioneers whose lives no doubt were filled with interesting experiences left little or nothing in the way of personal history.

"It was the idea of serving future generations of the Northwest, as well as the thought of a cordial handclasp for the pioneers still living, which inspired and sustained the long series now brought to a conclusion. It has been a pleasure to this newspaper to be instrumental in preserving for future use and entertainment the life stories of many of our sturdy pioneers."

Correction

Dr. S. E. Morison writes that Josiah Marshall's dates were incorrectly given on page 174 of the July issue of the *Quarterly*. He was born in Bellerica, Massachusetts, in 1773 and died in 1841. Dr. Morison adds that he finds no evidence of Josiah Marshall engaging in the Northwest fur trade before 1816.